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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE -  
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**PATENT**  
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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/973,179

Filed: October 5, 2001

For: COATING OF PRE-CAST  
ELECTROPHORESIS SLAB GELS

Customer No.: 20350

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In response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2003 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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